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May 3, 2005

Harriet Miers, Assistant to the President and White House Counsel
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Counsel Miers:

As you assume the duties of White House Counsel I am writing to make you aware of a pending Petition for Presidential Pardon before President Bush which is strongly supported by Senator Owen Hatch and myself and concerning which we wrote to the President in January. I request that you familiarize yourself with the petition and what we believe are the persuasive reasons for a Pardon to be issued in this case so that you may be able to brief the President concerning his consideration of a Presidential pardon.

Mario Biaggi, who we have known as an able and dedicated legislator, has been in public life for almost forty years. Mario was and is a man with a big heart and a passion for public service that has always impressed all who came to know him. During a political career which began after his service as a police officer and saw him rise to become a multi-term Member of Congress and Chair of the House Merchant Marine Committee, Mario Biaggi was known for his legislative acumen and his extraordinary constituent service. He is also praised for his active interest and role in securing peace in Northern Ireland. Mario lives today in the community he represented in the Congress for many years and remains extremely popular and highly regarded by community leaders in New York City.

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Sincerely,

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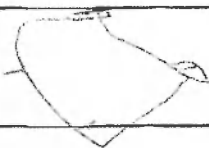
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November 23, 2004

George W. Bush
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The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
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Dear President Bush:

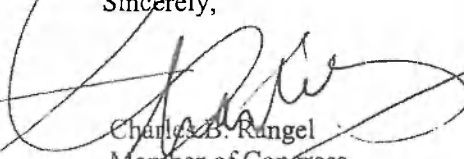
Congratulations on your reelection. I look forward to working with you on the two issues you have identified as priorities for your second term, tax reform and the preservation and strengthening of social security.

I am writing now to ask you to grant a Presidential pardon to my former colleague in the Congress and still my good friend, Mario Biaggi. His petition for pardon after completion of sentence was filed on August 13, 1999 and it remains pending before the Pardon Attorney in the Department of Justice.

Mario Biaggi, who I have known and been in public life with for almost forty years, was and is a man with a big heart and a passion for public service that has always impressed all who came to know him. During a political career which began after his service as a police officer and saw him rise to become a multi-term Member of Congress and Chair of the House Merchant Marine Committee, Mario Biaggi was known for his legislative acumen and his extraordinary constituent service. He is also praised for his active interest and role in securing peace in Northern Ireland.

At a recent birthday tribute to Mario I was reminded of the number of people he touched in his career and the number of friends he made across the political spectrum. The warmth of the public reminiscing about Mario that evening reminded me of why I was a leading supporter of the issuance of a Presidential Pardon by President Clinton in response to the petition. Now that Mario Biaggi has served his time and suffered the loss of reputation which accompanied his conviction, it is time for him to be pardoned and the stain on his name removed.

Sincerely,


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December 21, 2004

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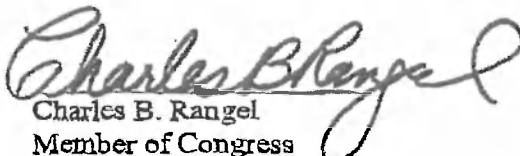
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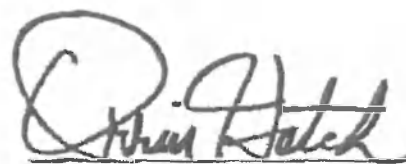
We are writing to ask you to grant a Presidential pardon to our former colleague in the Congress, Mario Biaggi, who was convicted of the crimes of bribery, conspiracy and perjury in 1988 and was sentenced to imprisonment for eight years and fined \$242,000. Mr. Biaggi was imprisoned on April 10, 1989, and released with a medical discharge on June 19, 1991. His petition for pardon after completion of sentence was filed on August 13, 1999 and it remains pending before the Pardon Attorney in the Department of Justice.

Mario Biaggi, who we have known as an able and dedicated legislator, has been in public life for almost forty years. Mario was and is a man with a big heart and a passion for public service. During a political career which began after his service as a police officer and saw him rise to become a multi-term Member of Congress and Chair of the House Merchant Marine Committee, Mario Biaggi was known as an expert legislator and provided extraordinary constituent service. He is also praised for his active interest and role in securing peace in Northern Ireland. Mario lives today in the community he represented in the Congress and remains extremely popular with his neighbors and highly regarded by community leaders in New York City.

A Petition for a Presidential Pardon for Mario Biaggi was requested of President Clinton in 1999 and we request that it be reviewed and given favorable consideration by you in view of the totality of his record. Mario has made many contributions during his lifetime of public service. Now that Mario Biaggi has served his time and suffered the loss of reputation which accompanied his conviction, we believe it is appropriate for him to be pardoned so that he can contribute even more to society.

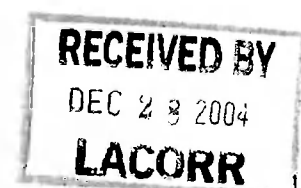
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US Senator

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U. S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

MAR 16 2005

The Honorable Charles E. Rangel
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rangel:

This is in response to your letter of November 23, 2004 to the President supporting clemency for former Congressman Mario Biaggi and to the December 21, 2004 letter that you and Senator Orrin G. Hatch sent to the President on the same matter. As I am sure you know, Mr. Biaggi's application for a pardon remains under consideration. The views in your letters are important and both of them have been made part of Mr. Biaggi's clemency file. The time for processing a clemency matter can be lengthy, and I can give no assurance that final action will be taken by any specific date, but we will notify Mr. Biaggi promptly when a decision has been made on his application. As I have mentioned to you previously, we will notify you as well.

I appreciate your continuing interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams

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JUN 28 2005

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rangel:

This is in response to your letter of May 23, 2005 to Attorney General Gonzales concerning the pardon application of former Congressman Mario Biaggi. I appreciate receiving the information that Mr. Biaggi recently met the Attorney General. I am afraid there is little that I can add at this time to my previous letters to you indicating that his clemency request remains under consideration. All of those in the Department of Justice involved in advising the White House on Mr. Biaggi's request are aware of the support that you have expressed for Mr. Biaggi, as well as the materials you have provided to us. As you know, both the ultimate decision in a clemency matter and the time it is made in any particular case are matters for the White House to decide. I appreciate your continuing interest in Mr. Biaggi's case, and will notify you of the decision once it is made.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams

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May 23, 2005

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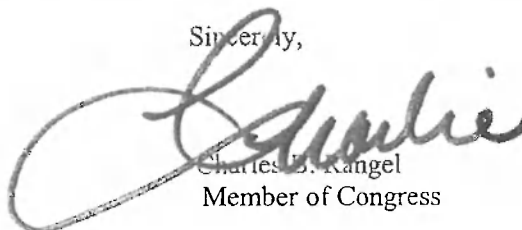
Dear Attorney General Gonzalez:

I have learned from him that last Friday, May 13th you shared a podium with my long and dear friend, former Congressman Mario Biaggi. He further informs me that while you were together he had the opportunity to share with you that Senator Orrin Hatch and I are working together to obtain a Presidential pardon for him. I am writing to provide you with background on this effort and to request you, as you assume the duties of Attorney General, to familiarize yourself with our pending Petition for Presidential Pardon and what we believe are the persuasive reasons for a Pardon to be issued in this case, in the hope that you may be willing to recommend to the President his issuance of a pardon for Mario Biaggi.

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Sincerely,



Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

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Presidential Pardon Request for former
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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

December 12, 2007

Honorable George Bush, President of the United States
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. President:

I read the news reports of the Pardons you have given this year with growing and finally with sharp disappointment when I came to the end of the list and could not find the name of my friend, former Congressman Mario Biaggi, who in my opinion presents a compelling case for a Presidential pardon, one that I am convinced is as strong as any which justified the Pardons you granted. I write again with increasing urgency because of his increasing age and failing health to ask you to consider and grant Mario Biaggi a Pardon.

Senator Otten Hatch and I are squarely behind Mario Biaggi and have written to you several times asking you to consider and grant him a Pardon. The Mario Biaggi we have known, respected, and admired is an able and dedicated legislator who served in public life for almost forty years. Mario was and is a man with a big heart and a passion for public service that has always impressed all who came to know him. During a political career which began after his service as a police officer and saw him rise to become a multi-term Member of Congress and Chair of the House Merchant Marine Committee, Mario Biaggi was known for his legislative acumen and his extraordinary constituent service. He is also praised for his active interest and role in securing peace in Northern Ireland. Mario lives today in the community he represented in the Congress for many years and remains extremely popular and highly regarded by community leaders in New York City.

One of Mario Biaggi's singular achievements in keeping with his dedicated support of law enforcement throughout his career was his securing of the passage of legislation for the creation of a Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in the nation's capital to honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice providing security for their fellow citizens. This Memorial was dedicated by your father during his Presidency. He remains a hero to the law enforcement community, much of which have joined the call for consideration of a Presidential Pardon.

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Finally, Mr. President, we feel a special sense of urgency that this Pardon be issued soon. Mario Biaggi is now 90 years old and in failing health, and we know that time is growing short for him to be receive and appreciate his Pardon.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Rangel
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Pardon Attorney

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JUL 14 2004

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3215

Dear Congressman Rangel:

This responds to your letter of January 22, 2004 to the President, concerning the pardon application filed by Mr. Mario Biaggi. You originally forwarded Mr. Biaggi's petition to my office.

Mr. Biaggi's pardon petition remains under consideration, and we have added your letter to his clemency file. We appreciate your continuing interest in this matter. Thank you for writing to the President, and we will let you know when a final decision is made in Mr. Biaggi's case. I apologize for the delay in replying to your letter, but it only recently arrived in my office.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

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January 22, 2004

President George W. Bush
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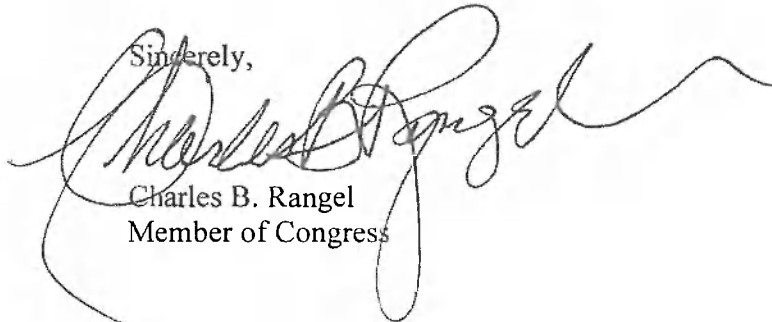
I am writing in support of the request of former Congressman Mario Biaggi for your pardon for the commission of federal crimes for which he was convicted in 1987 and 1988.

Mario Biaggi was born in New York City on October 26, 1917. He was educated at New York City public schools. In 1963 he was admitted to the bar of the State of New York. Prior to becoming a distinguished attorney Mr. Biaggi was a decorated member of the New York City Police Department. He served for 23 years retiring at the rank of Lieutenant. At the time of his retirement from the police department and for many years later, he was the most decorated police officer in New York City history. Among his many commendations and awards was the Medal of Valor, the department's highest award given for acts of courage.

In 1968 Mr. Biaggi was elected to serve in the United States Congress where for the next twenty years he was law enforcement's most vocal and effective voice on Capitol Hill. He served from January 3, 1969 until his resignation on August 5, 1988.

Despite his criminal convictions, former Congressman Biaggi has spent a major part of his adult life in public service. In light of his distinguished service to our country and his advanced age, I would like to support his request that he be granted a pardon.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

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Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

AUG 24 1999

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-3215

Dear Congressman Rangel:

Thank you for your letter of July 30, 1999, forwarding the application for presidential pardon of Mario Biaggi. Your letter has been made part of his file, and your comments in his support will be helpful to us in the consideration of the case.

Mr. Biaggi's application for presidential pardon is now under consideration. The executive clemency process is frequently lengthy, and we are unable to guarantee that the President will act upon any given case within a particular time frame. While we are thus unable to advise you when Mr. Biaggi may expect a decision on his petition, please be assured that he will be notified promptly when final action has been taken.

We appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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July 30, 1999

Mr. Roger Adams
Pardon Attorney
500 1st Street NW #400
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Dear Mr. Adams:

I am forwarding to you for your consideration the Petition for Pardon After Completion of Sentence of Mario Biaggi.

I support this petition. I know Mr. Biaggi well. I was proud to serve with him for 18 years in the United States House of Representatives. I know him to be a man who has dedicated his life to public service. He did so before his conviction and continues to do so since his release. He served bravely as a New York City policeman before becoming a Congressman. In Congress he was known for his efforts to secure peace in Northern Island and dedication to the people of the Bronx, who he represented.

The supporting documentation in the petition indicates the widespread, gratitude for Mr. Biaggi's efforts, respect for him and belief that he should be pardoned.

Today, at nearly 82 years, he is failing health and seeks to recover some measure of dignity after having paid dearly with incarceration and the loss of his reputation. I hope that your review of this petition will lead you to share this view in your recommendations.

Sincerely,

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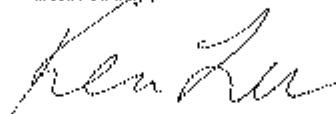
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August 16, 2006

Dear Roger:

The Office of Counsel to the President recently received the enclosed letter concerning Mario Biaggi's petition for executive clemency. I am referring the letter to you for your information.

Sincerely,




Kenneth Lee
Associate Counsel to the President

Mr. Roger Adams
Office of the Pardon Attorney
U.S. Department of Justice
1425 New York Avenue, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Cong. Charles Rangel
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per former Congressman Marco Biaggi;
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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

December 4, 2007

George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to make a special Christmas appeal in support of your granting a pardon to Mario Biaggi, who is now 90 years old and in failing health. As a person of faith, you will appreciate, I know how appropriate it would be in the season of celebration of God's greatest gift, for you to give the gift of his good name back to Mario Biaggi as he nears the end of a life devoted to public service. I trust you have received the framed newspaper stories of the celebration of Mario's 90th birthday which I shared with you and that you found them as heartwarming as I did as a manifestation of the great love and respect felt for Mario in his home community, the City of New York.

As you may recall, in my letter I cited this quote from the news article on the celebration which I believe correctly assesses his career and places his conviction into proper context: "Mario Biaggi's popularity was earned through hard work, bravery, loyalty, and charm. Early in his career it appeared that he was on the fast track to become the mayor that would save the city from the ravages of crime and dependency. His bid for Mayor in 1973 collapsed in scandal over questions about his testimony before a grand jury some years earlier. While Mario Biaggi was not implicated in any wrongdoing, then his career was marred by the kind of whispers that have dogged many Italian-American politicians."

I again ask you to consider and grant Mario Biaggi a Presidential Pardon of his criminal conviction for misconduct in office; friends of Mario Biaggi, including Senator Orrin Hatch, who has repeatedly joined me in requesting this Pardon from you, believe that on balance his exemplary career as a public servant far outweighs the mistakes that he made and that as he nears at age 90 the end of life, it is the just and right thing to clear the good name that he earned in his public service. Mario Biaggi has spent over forty years in public service. During a political career which began after his service as a police officer and saw him rise to become a multi-term Member of Congress and Chair of the House Merchant Marine Committee, Mario was known for his legislative acumen and his extraordinary constituent service. He is also praised for his active interest and role in securing peace in Northern Ireland.

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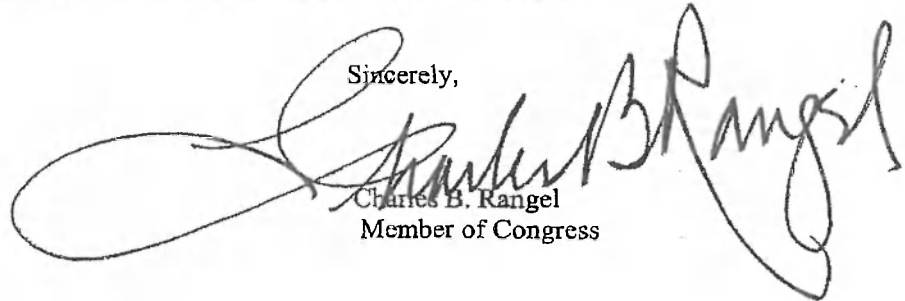
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Sincerely,

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Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

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cc. US Senator Orrin Hatch
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DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2007


TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: CHARLES RANGEL
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: WRITES AGAIN TO ASK THE PRESIDENT TO CONSIDER AND GRANT
FORMER CONGRESSMAN MARIO BLAGGI A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON

COMMENTS:

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

October 17, 2007

George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

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News I have recently received that my old friend Mario Biaggi has been diagnosed with colon cancer reminds me of how fragile life is and causes me to plead the case for his Presidential Pardon more urgently. Congressman Mario Biaggi was convicted of the crimes of bribery, conspiracy and perjury in 1988 and was sentenced to imprisonment for eight years and fined \$242,000. Mr. Biaggi was imprisoned on April 10, 1989, and released with a medical discharge on June 19, 1991. His petition for pardon after completion of sentence was filed on August 13, 1999 and it remains pending before the Pardon Attorney in the Department of Justice.

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Given Mario's illness, I hope you will review his petition and favorably respond to my urgent request that you review and grant his Petition for a Presidential Pardon.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Rangel
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The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
Chairman
Committee of Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rangel:

This is in reply to your letter to President Obama of January 5, 2010 in which you indicated your support for a Presidential pardon for former Congressman Mario Biaggi.

Mr. Biaggi's application for pardon was considered in the Department of Justice and in the White House, where it was denied by President Bush on January 19, 2009. Mr. Biaggi will be eligible to reapply for pardon on January 19, 2011, after the passage of two years from the date his previous application was denied.

I trust that this answer is responsive to your question, and thank you for writing to the President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald L. Rodgers", is positioned above the typed name.

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

CHARLES B. RANGEL
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JAMES E. GALT, II
DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

January 5, 2010

Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

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Sincerely,



Charles B. Rangel
Chairman, Committee on Ways & Means

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*He's really a
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NOV 19 2010

The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
Chairman
Committee of Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Rangel:

This is in reply to your letter of September 24, 2010, to the President reiterating your support for a pardon of former Congressman Mario Biaggi and requesting that he not be required to satisfy the remainder of the applicable waiting period before he may reapply for executive clemency.

Mr. Biaggi will become eligible to reapply for pardon on January 19, 2011, approximately three months from now. The purpose of the two-year waiting period is to permit a previously denied clemency applicant to develop a further record of good citizenship and good character in order to provide new information in support of his renewed request for pardon. Given this purpose, waivers of the waiting period are rarely granted, and then only upon the request of the clemency applicant himself.

I hope that this information is helpful to you. Thank you for writing to the President, and for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Rodgers
Pardon Attorney

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Chief of Staff

Congress of the United States House of Representatives

September 24, 2010

Barack H. Obama
President of the United States
The White House,
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama:

I am writing in follow up to my letter on April 13, 2010, to ask you to grant a Presidential pardon to my former colleague in the Congress Mario Biaggi who was convicted of the crimes of bribery, conspiracy and perjury in 1988 and was sentenced to imprisonment for eight years and fined \$242,000. Mr. Biaggi was imprisoned on April 10, 1989, and released with a medical discharge on June 19, 1991. I received your March 19, 2010 response and am requesting that the time period between review of his pardon request be waived in light of his advanced age, weakened state of health and commitment of service to the American people.

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Sincerely,

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Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

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October 07, 2010

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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TO: PRESIDENT OBAMA

FROM: THE HONORABLE CHARLES RANGEL
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: ASK THE PRESIDENT TO GRANT A PRESIDENTIAL PARDON TO FORMER
CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

November 21, 2008

George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am writing to make a special appeal as you near the end of your second term and begin the process of considering which Americans with pending requests for Presidential Pardons deserve to receive the last Pardons it will be your privilege to grant as President, that you grant a pardon to former Congressman Mario Biaggi, who is now 90 years old and in failing health. He is in and out of the hospital with life threatening illnesses and we fear that despite his extraordinary fighting spirit Mario is running short of time to have his name cleared. As a person of personal and political integrity, you will appreciate, I know, how important it is to have your reputation restored by the return of your own good name. I appeal to you with special urgency and fervor to give the gift of his good name back to Mario Biaggi in one of your last acts of Pardon as he nears the end of a life devoted to public service.

As in past appeals I am joined now by Mario's close and devoted friend Senator Orrin Hatch and by hundreds of others who know, respect, and love him from his distinguished career in public service. The Mario Biaggi we have admired and sought to emulate over the years is an able and dedicated legislator who served in public life for more than forty years. Mario was and is a man with a big heart and a passion for public service that has always impressed all who came to know him and even more so those like myself who were privileged to work and serve with him. During a political career which began after his service as a police officer and saw him rise to become a multi-term Member of Congress and Chair of the House Merchant Marine Committee, Mario Biaggi was known for his legislative acumen and his extraordinary constituent service. He is also praised for his active interest and role in securing peace in Northern Ireland. Mario lives today in the community he represented in the Congress and remains extremely popular and highly regarded by community leaders in New York City.

One of Mario Biaggi's singular achievements in keeping with his dedicated support of law enforcement throughout his career was his securing of the passage of legislation for the creation of a Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in the nation's capital to honor the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice providing security for their fellow citizens. This Memorial was dedicated by your father during his Presidency. Mario Biaggi remains a hero to the law enforcement community, much of which have joined the call for your consideration and granting of a Presidential Pardon to Mario.

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As you may recall, I wrote last December to tell you of the celebration of Mario's 90th birthday and the affection manifested towards Mario at that time. In my letter I cited this quote from the news article on the celebration which I believe correctly assesses his career and places his conviction into proper context: "Mario Biaggi's popularity was earned through hard work, bravery, loyalty, and charm. Early in his career it appeared that he was on the fast track to become the mayor that would save the city from the ravages of crime and dependency. His bid for Mayor in 1973 collapsed in scandal over questions about his testimony before a grand jury some years earlier. While Mario Biaggi was not implicated in any wrongdoing, then his career was marred by the kind of whispers that have dogged many Italian-American politicians."

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Given the high regard in which Mario is held and the importance of lifting the cloud from his reputation before his passing, I hope you will review his petition and favorably respond to my urgent request that you again review and include in your final list of Presidential Pardons Mario Biaggi's Petition for a Presidential Pardon.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Rangel
Member of Congress

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cc. US Senator Orrin Hatch
Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten
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The Honorable Charles B. Rangel
House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Rangel:

This refers to the application for pardon of Mario Biaggi, regarding whom you have previously expressed your support to the President and the Department of Justice.

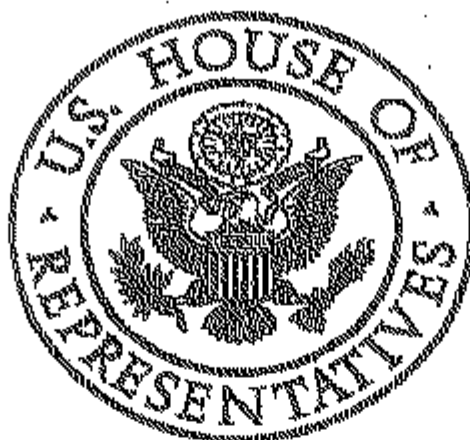
Mr. Biaggi's pardon application has been carefully considered in this Department and the White House, and the decision has been reached that favorable action is not warranted. His application was therefore denied by President George W. Bush on January 19, 2009.

Sincerely,

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(15th Congressional District - New York)

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FROM: CHARLES RANGEL
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: REQUESTS THE PRESIDENT TO CONSIDER A PRESIDENTIAL
PARDON FOR MARIO BIAGGI

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives April 24, 2007
Washington, DC 20515-3215

President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

I am taking the opportunity of our flight together to New York to give you this letter to make you aware of a pending Petition for Presidential Pardon for former Congressman Mario Biaggi which is strongly supported by Senator Orrin Hatch and myself and concerning which we have written to your Counsel Harriett Miers and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. I am requesting you to familiarize yourself with the petition and what we believe are the persuasive reasons for a Presidential Pardon to be issued in this case.

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Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means

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Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 28, 2005

The President of United States, George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

As members of Congressional Black Caucus we respectfully urge you to grant a posthumous pardon to John Arthur "Jack" Johnson, the first African-American heavyweight-boxing champion. In a gross misapplication of the Mann Act, he was wrongfully prosecuted and convicted in the highly charged racial atmosphere of early 20th century America.

The details of that sad episode in America's racial history were reported recently in Ken Burns' powerful public television documentary entitled *Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson*. Johnson's historic athletic achievements, independence and courage in the context of the times made him an inspirational figure who gave hope to a population of African Americans living under harshly repressive Jim Crow laws and racial violence.

Johnson, the son of former slaves from Galveston, Texas, won the world heavyweight championship by defeating Tommy Burns in 1908. His victory and disdain for the racial mores of the day enraged his opponents in the press, and eventually led to a campaign to discredit the flamboyant champion who flaunted his wealth and relationships with whites.

In 1913, Johnson was prosecuted under a perverted application of a law meant to curtail organized interstate prostitution. Convicted on the testimony of a rejected former lover, Johnson fled the country. He returned seven years later to serve out his one-year sentence. While on the run, Johnson lost his title to Jess Willard in 1915, and never regained his earlier success. He died in a car accident in 1946 at the age of 68.

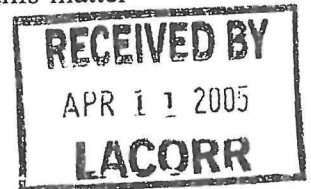
Although he was criticized for his flamboyant lifestyle, Johnson was a hero to African Americans and others across the country who admired his toughness and independence. Self-educated, he refused to bow to limitations imposed by race or myths of racial superiority. In his home state, many Texans recognize Jack Johnson Day on March 31st.

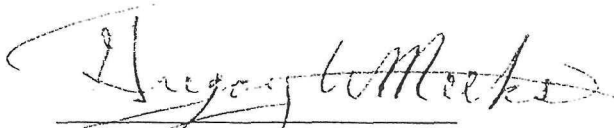
We join with Ken Burns and many of our colleagues in Congress in calling for a posthumous pardon of Jack Johnson, and thank you for your consideration of this matter during Black History Month.

Sincerely,


Charles B. Rangel

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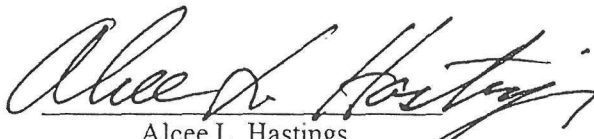


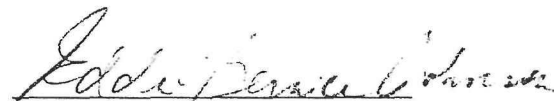

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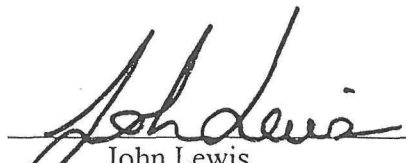

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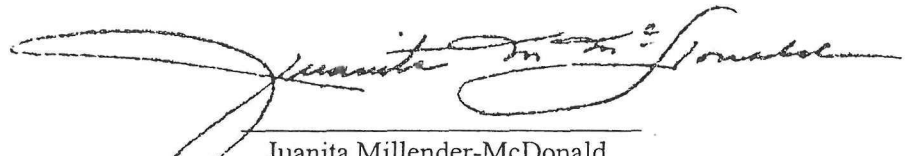

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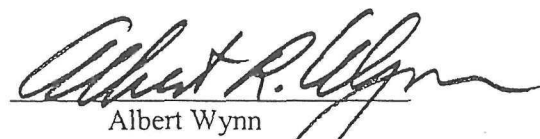

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